

## **PETER SENIUS SCHOW**

### **Lehi Centennial History 1850-1950**

Peter Senius Schow was born April 19, 1851, in Bornholm, Denmark, the second son of Jens Hansen Schow and Sina Christine Larsen, in a family of four boys and four girls. His early childhood, vivid with experiences at their Hillingdomsgaarden, spirited his thought to other lands.

At the death of his father in 1868, and the return of his older brother, he left home, first for a visit with an uncle, Peter Larsen, then on to Germany in September, 1869, where during six months of employment he learned the language and had many valuable experiences. In the spring during the Franco-Prussian War he shipped as a sailor running French blockades to Germany and Sweden which provided him with many interesting stories.

In 1870 in the company of an uncle, Jeppe Larsen, he sailed for New York with California his objective. A delay enroute caused by the death of a friend changed their plans somewhat, and in June, 1871, they were met in Salt Lake City by friends of the deceased and induced to stay at Lehi.

Subsequent employment led to freighting which brought him in acquaintance with a young freighter's widow, Amanda Losee Johnson. On August 14, 1876, he joined the Latter-day Saint Church and two days later married Amanda, adopting her two daughters, Mary and Caroline. Eight additional children were born to them, five sons and three daughters. At the time of his marriage he commenced farming which he pursued until his death August 28, 1933. He was widely known as a supervisor of irrigation and he liked to consider irrigation his hobby.